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1. All the express trains originally scheduled between Karlovo (now Levskigrad) and Sofia on the newly constructed "Sub-Balkan" railroad line have been removed. The trains now using the line move very slowly because the roadbed has sunk in many places and is now very uneven.
2. The engineers who participated in the design and construction of the line have been arrested and preparations are under way for their trial. In addition to being held responsible for the failure of the roadbed to stand up under normal usage, the accused are criticized for having permitted the railroad to be planned to include many bridges which are vulnerable to attack. This decreases the usefulness of the line in the event of war and reduces its strategic importance.

- 25X1A 1. Comment: The average speed of trains travelling the 152 kilometers between Karlovo and Sofia was 25-30 kilometers per hour (15-19 miles per hour) according to published schedules in effect in October 1953.

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